

**SANITATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014
TIME: 4:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
ROOM 210
MIDDLETOWN CONNECTICUT**

Members Present: Chair Seb Santacroce
John Uccello
Thomas Goglia
Bobbie Knoll Peterson

Staff Present: William Russo, Public Works Director
Kimberly O'Rourke, Recycling Coordinator

Others Present: Monica Belyea
Krishna Winston

Absent: Tony Marino

Chair Seb Santacroce opened the Sanitation Commission Meeting at 4:00 p.m. He requested an amendment for the minutes to be changed to January 28, 2014 instead of January 28, 2013. He made a motion to approve the January 28, 2014 minutes with the amendment to the date. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Single Stream Pilot Program – Recycling Coordinator, Kimberly O'Rourke introduced Krishna Winston, Chairperson of the Middletown Resource Recycling Advisory Committee. She spoke about increasing recycling to capture the value of everything that's thrown away. The DEEP made a grant available which didn't end up working out. The future plan is to see if waste can be shifted more in the direction of recycling.

Most people in the district have 90 gallon carts and then there are some with 65 gallon carts. On hand, there are 45-50 of the 65 gallon carts in which they would like to identify 45 households and switch out their 90 gallon carts and turn them into single stream recycling carts. In turn, they would be using the 65 gallon cart for their regular trash; they would just have to be re-labeled.

The residents would be given plenty of warning before beginning the program. They would be given an incentive by telling them they can take more of what they have been throwing away and put it all into a recycling bin so that it can be shipped off and used instead of burned. The sanitation district will save money because the tip fees for trash are higher than the tip fees for recyclables because trash has to get shipped to Lisbon and then get incinerated. The recyclables get transported to Berlin with our own trucks which is closer and saves money.

Director Russo stated that the goal is to do automation with the barrels once 100% single stream is reached and the amount of waste being sent to Lisbon is reduced.

After this is endorsed it will be reported back to Director Russo and the commission. Bobbye Knoll Peterson made a motion to support the Single Stream Pilot Program. Motion was seconded and approved.

- b. Disposal Market Assessment – Director Russo stated that the haul contract with Dainty Rubbish expires in 2016 and is then up for re-negotiation. Options are being explored to see what can be done with the garbage. An out-of-state attorney will be brought in to study what our obligations are to the burn plant in Lisbon to save the city money. Next month, Deputy City Attorney – Kori Wisneski will come to the next meeting to brief the commission on where the standings are.
- c. Waive Interest – RA Middletown, LLC, 10 Main Street – Director Russo stated that a new management company took over the property. The bill was paid in full, including the interest. RA Middletown, LLC is requesting to have the interest totaling \$80.92 given back to them. A motion was made by Commissioner Uccello to have the \$80.92 refunded to RA Middletown, LLC. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Goglia and approved unanimously.

Director Russo stated that the new sanitation bills have the trash barrel ordinance written in red at the top including all of the verbiage that was implemented by the commission. The ordinance change will be listed on the website, channel 19 and the newspapers. Stickers will also be placed on all of the barrels as an extra precaution to get the message across.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tonnage Report – Director Russo stated that the city is averaging 532 tons per month going to the plant, which is roughly 6,400 tons for the year. Last year the tonnage was around 6,700 tons which indicates that it has consistently gone down since 2008.

OTHER:

As there was no other business, the Sanitation Commission meeting was adjourned at 4:47 P.M.